



# Kalamazoo River Cleanup Coalition

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"We do not inherit our environment from our ancestors, but borrow it from our children."

## YOUR RIVER, YOUR FUTURE

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Dear Mr. Berkoff,

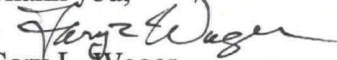
You are invited to participate in a public meeting "Your River, Your Future", regarding the cleanup of the Allied Site, OU-1, of the Allied Paper Inc. / Portage Creek / Kalamazoo River Superfund site. The purpose of the meeting is to provide a community perspective on cleanup options for the Allied Site, obtain citizen input, and encourage transparency and accountability in the decision making process.

Your River, Your Future will be on April 21, at 6:30 pm EDT, Prairies Room, Kalamazoo Radisson Hotel. The format will be:

- Welcome / Why We Are Here – KRCC board member, Jason Novotny
- CERCLA and Kalamazoo River Watershed Overview – Jeff Spoelstra, coordinator, KRWC
- PCBs - Understanding the Risks to Human Health and the Environment – Dr. Charles Ide, WMU
- Kalamazoo Wellhead / Municipal Water System – John Paquin City of Kalamazoo
- Personal Statement – Nearby Resident
- Introduction of elected representatives – KRCC President Michael Seals
- Question & Answer / Discussion – all participants, mediated by KRCC president, Michael Seals
- Award presentation: "Envisioning A Future" Edison Environmental Science Academy – Jennifer Clark
- Closing remarks, call to action

Your River, Your Future is being convened by the Kalamazoo River Cleanup Coalition (KRCC), a grassroots citizen action group, organized in the spring of 2007, to oppose EPA-approved plans to dispose of PCB-contaminated river sediments into the Allied site within the city limits of Kalamazoo. On April 25, 2007, USEPA Region 5 administrator, Mary Gade, announced that the toxic waste would instead be taken to approved landfills. KRCC has obtained 501 c 3 tax-exempt status and continues to engage the EPA/RPs to inform stakeholders, provide public input and accountability to the Superfund process.

Thank you,

  
Gary L. Wager

Please RSVP regarding your attendance, or send written comments to Gary Wager at the address above.